

BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
ORDER NO. 698

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 14, 1967

Application of D. C. Transit	)	Application No. 414
System, Inc., for Authorization	)	
to Change and Extend its Routes	)	Docket No. 138
Z-4 and Z-6 in Montgomery County,	)	
Maryland.	)	

APPEARANCE:

MANUEL J. DAVIS, Attorney for D. C. Transit System,  
Inc., applicant.

On January 23, 1967, D. C. Transit System, Inc., by Application No. 414, requested authority to change and extend its Routes Z-4 and Z-6 in Montgomery County, Maryland, as follows:

DISCONTINUED ROUTE Z-4

Between Four Corners and Northwood via University Boulevard W., Dennis Avenue and Lockridge Drive to terminal at Lockridge Drive and Lombardy Road, and return.

REROUTE AND EXTEND Z-4

Between Four Corners and White Oak via Colesville Road and Lockwood Drive to the White Oak Shopping Center and return.

EXTEND ROUTE Z-6

Between Four Corners and Northwood via University Boulevard W., Dennis Avenue and Lockridge Drive to terminal at Lockridge Drive and Lombardy Road, and return.

Riders who presently travel via Route Z-4 on those portions of Colesville Road between University Boulevard and Franklin Avenue, Dale Drive and Fenton Street, and the Northwood area, will be required under the proposed change to transfer at Four Corners to Route Z-6. The proposed Route Z-4 would continue beyond Four Corners to White Oak, via Colesville Road.

The utilization of equipment under the proposed routing necessitates the inclusion of two additional A.M. and P.M. buses on weekdays and one additional bus during the midday operation. Also, the changed and extended routing will result in an additional fare zone between Colesville Road and University Boulevard and White Oak Shopping Center on Route Z-4. The two lines presently operate over streets authorized in Transit's Certificate. Thus, a change of lines over those streets is at the heart of this matter, and a change in the certificate is not involved.

A hearing was originally scheduled on this matter for March 2, 1967, at 10:30 A.M., at the offices of the Commission. Notice to the public of date and time of the hearing was made by the Company as prescribed by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Notice to all interested parties of the change in time of the hearing was made by the Commission and the hearing was rescheduled and held on March 16, 1967, at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. William E. Bell, Vice President, D. C. Transit System, Inc., appeared as a witness for the Company. Briefly, the testimony of the Company was that the proposed changes and extensions were made to provide a more convenient

and attractive service for residents of the White Oak area where rapid development has been and is occurring.

No protests to these changes and extensions were received and no one appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the present and future public convenience and necessity require changes and extensions of Routes Z-4 and Z-6.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, granted authority to change and extend its Routes Z-4 and Z-6 as described herein. The appropriate revised WMATC File Numbers shall be filed to reflect this authorization.
2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., file appropriate tariffs setting forth fares for Routes Z-4 and Z-6.
3. That this Order become effective upon issuance.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director